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Title: UPDATING SYSTEM FOR DIGITAL PLAYERS AND
METHOD OF USING THE SAME

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5 is hereby requested according to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) and the fee set forth in § 1.17(p) should be waived. Applicants sincerely hope that the examiner can consider the item contained in the information disclosure statement.

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10 M.P.E.P. 609, applicants are submitting a copy of the cited reference (CN 2419664Y), and English translation of the title and abstract of the cited reference as follows:

Super VCD player upgraded by software

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The present utility model relates to a VCD player. The VCD player adopts such a structure form that a central processor provided in the MPEG decoder becomes the single central processor in the whole system to control the whole system. The program memory is electrically
20 erasable rewritable memory or flash memory, in which boot-strap program module and upgrade program module are stored, with the boot-strap program module including code segments for recognizing upgrade disc. When a user upgrades the super VCD player using the software in the upgrade program memory, not only the decoding
25 program module is upgraded, but also the system control module including the control of the digital servo is upgraded.

Respectfully Submitted,

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